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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR OF CCIR OF THE ITU.

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT SOUGHT INDICATIONS FROM LA NATIONS REGARDING WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT PARAGUAY'S PROXY FOR REFERENCED ELECTION.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO REFAIR HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM LA:

A. URUGUAY. DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS WILL RECOMMEND GOU SUPPORT KIRBY. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY CONCERNING ATTENDANCE AT PLENARY.

B. ARGENTINA. FORMIN SAID ELECTIONS FOR "TECHNICAL GROUPS" SUCH AS CCIR GENERALLY LEFT TO DISCRETION TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY. DIRGEN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY BE PLEASED TO SUPPORT KIRBY,
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BUT NOTED FINAL DECISION ALSO LIKELY TO DEPEND ON WHETHER

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GOA HAD OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

C. BRAZIL. ALTHOUGH SUB-SECRETARY IN COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY INDICATED UNOFFICIALLY HE DID NOT PERCEIVE,ANY DIFFICULTIES IN GOB SUPPORTING KIRBY, OFFICIAL GOB POSITION

HE SAID COULD ONLY BE SET AFTER REVIEWING ANY OTHER CANDIDACIES.

D. ECUADOR. WILL SUPPORT KIRBY.

E. NICARAGUA. FORMIN WILL GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO KIRBY CANDIDACY.

F. EL SALVADOR. FONOFF HAS INDICATED IT WILL SUPPORT KIRBY.

2. ONLY OTHER ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE TO DATE IS SABAR SOEDIMAN OF INDONESIA.

3. COLOMBIA AND HAITI WHICH HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION (MONTREUX, 1965) ARE ONLY LA MEMBERS OF ITU WHICH WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT CCIR PLENARY, UNLESS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION THEY RATIFY THE CONVENTION. BROWN

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